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GUARDING THE FORESTS FROM FIRE

Every summer forest fires destroy great areas of timber. In an effort to limit the destruction to a minimum, the forest service has established a fire patrol on all the government timber belts and as a result, except in extraordinary seasons, the fire losses are being reduced. But Curt Thiersch of New York has an elaborate plan of guarding the trees without the aid of the forest rangers. He would plant foliage trees through the pine tree forests and his purpose is explained as follows:

"It is generally known that the uncontrollable and the irresistible speed with which forest fires travel is almost invariably due to the presence of conifers. The resinous pine trees burning like torches, are ideal fire conductors, while foliage trees owing to the total lack of resin in their trunks and branches and to the moisture of their leaves burn slowly and smoldering as they afford poor food to the flames. By planting broad zones or belts of foliage trees through the forests of conifers the forests would be supplied with an admirable natural preventive against the growth and spreading of devastating forest fires. It will, of course, be necessary to make the foliage tree belts amply broad, in order that they may successfully combat the spreading forest fires. There is an imperative need to conserve and replenish our rapidly disappearing forests, and by planting protective belts of foliage trees this end would be compassed without undue difficulties and at a comparatively moderate cost. The initial outlay would be abundantly compensated for by the valuable timber thus grown. Furthermore, the foliage tree belt would be of incalculable advantage in strengthening the fire lines which are located at critical points."

This is a most ambitious plan, but seemingly involves as many problems as the scheme of an engineer to stretch a ten-inch cable two hundred miles into the ocean off the banks of Newfoundland and thereby form a barrier of sand which is to divert the Gulf stream.

Foliage trees might not grow where the hardy pine roots itself on the mountain side and, if the growth were scanty would be of no service, and, furthermore, the expense would be prohibitive.

UTAH MAY HAVE A SHOE LAW

Have you had the soles of a pair of shoes wear out almost in a day, so that in sloppy weather water worked through to your feet as though nothing of a greater resisting power than cloth encased your pedal extremities? If you have perhaps you have been made to realize that all shoes are not made of leather.

Down in Louisiana the legislators, nearly all of whom must have had an experience with "pat" or "leatherboard," passed a measure known as the pure shoe law which prevents the sale of boots and shoes as of leather construction when other material is substituted, and now a bill, known as the Oldfield measure, has been introduced in congress to make nationwide the Louisiana law, and we understand, a similar bill is to be introduced in the Utah legislature to protect the people from being imposed on by eastern manufacturers who resort to adulterations.

We are informed there are four substitutes for leather, costing only one-fourth as much as the poorest grades of leather, described as:

Leatherboard is made of leather scraps reduced to a pulp, then mixed with glue in the form of a thick paste, after which it is rolled into sheets

and dried. This material is very hard, but it disintegrates like blotting paper upon becoming wet. The shoes adulterators use it in the heels of their shoes. Only the two bottom pieces of the heel are leather; the rest of the heel is of leatherboard. This material is so skillfully covered with polish that neither the merchant nor the wearer can detect it until after the shoe is worn.

Fate is made of thin shavings of genuine leather glued together. It looks and feels like solid leather, but it disintegrates quickly upon becoming wet. Shoe adulterators use it for innersoles and sometimes in heels, but if the shoe is worn in the mud and slush the outer sole will come loose and the shoe otherwise gives unsatisfactory service.

The so-called horn fiber counter is made of leather scrap and other waste material reduced to a pulp and molded into shape. It absorbs moisture easily and cannot take the place of solid leather for making substantial and durable counters. By substituting horn fiber for leather the manufacturer can save 5 cents to 10 cents per pair on the counters alone.

Strawboard contains no leather whatever. It is the cheapest kind of brown pasteboard made into thick sheets and is used by certain manufacturers in heels, counters and innersoles. It is possible to use this material in a shoe and so finish the shoe on the outside that it will sell for \$3, or more, but a shoe so constructed will not give as good service as an all leather shoe sold at 50 cents to 75 cents a pair less.

With the Louisiana law in force in Utah, all shoes not made of genuine leather would be stamped accordingly. The law would not prevent the sale of any kind of shoe, but the adulterations would be pointed out by the markings on the shoes.

HOW PIPES CAN BE THAWED.

Thaw your pipes with electricity. This is the advice William Altman, the florist, of 1605 North Hudson avenue, gave a day last week. Mr. Altman, before moving to Ogden, lived in Manitowish, Wis., where in the dead of winter the cold wind of last week in Ogden would be welcomed as a spring zephyr, so much colder is the lake region. When the pipes froze in his home city there was no making of fires to thaw the ground, no excavating, no uncertainties. Instead of sending for the plumber, they called an electrician, who with a small satchel might be mistaken for a doctor. An electric current from the big feed wires was connected with the faucet at one end and the street valve at the other, to complete the circuit, and within a few minutes the visitor brought happiness to the distressed. No one had a chance to lose his temper or get grimy with soot. The task was a pleasant one and the cost but slight.

Since the talk with Mr. Altman we have been informed that the same method has been employed within the last two days in Salt Lake City, an account of which follows:

"By attaching wires to the primary service wires of the Utah Light & Railway company and connecting up with the water pipes both inside and outside the houses, thereby causing the frozen pipe to form a part of the circuit, electric currents were sent over the frozen portions, effectively reducing the frost within 15 minutes without so much as a shovel being raised for excavation work."

The device was tried with great success. Four homes were relieved of water famine in little more than an hour after the apparatus was put into operation.

"Twenty kilowatt transformers were used for the apparatus and the 2000 voltages from the light company's primary lines was reduced to 115 volts, which was found to be best adapted to the purpose. It was possible to generate sufficient heat along the pipe to dispel the frost. The heat was produced after the same manner in which an electric light globe warms up."

"No resistance coil is used. The necessary electrical opposition is offered by the pipes. A water reostat, consisting of a barrel of salt water containing two plates with wires attached is used as a controlling apparatus. The closer the plates the stronger the current and vice versa. By keeping the plates sufficiently separated and allowing the current to pass through the water the reduction from 2000 to 115 volts is accomplished."

Men were digging through the frosted ground in all parts of Ogden yesterday and they still are at work in the slow process of uncovering the pipes to locate the seat of trouble. Holes were opened which disclosed no frost near the pipes and then new openings had to be made. Many found, after trenching many feet, that the "freeze up" was within the house or at the lead connection with the mains. What a relief they all would have felt if the man with the electric "juice" had been "on to his job" and had given them a demonstration of heating frozen water pipes by the simple process of shooting a streak of electric fire through the trouble zone!

We are informed that this process of thawing does not cause breaks in the pipes. Why not try the electric heater?

NOT PARTICULAR.

My lady's lips are fair to see—
Away with leaved terms!
By Jove! if they were offered me
I'd never think of germs!

BILLIONS IN DISPUTE

Claim of Southern Pacific to Oil Lands Before Supreme Court

Washington, Jan. 13.—An empire of oil lands worth probably more than a billion dollars, was the prize which brought groups of opposing lawyers today before the supreme court.

The occasion was the argument of what reply the court should make to a request for instruction from the United States circuit court of appeals for the Ninth circuit, which was unable to determine whether the Southern Pacific company, or Edward Burke, or other separate entrymen were entitled to land now said to be gushing forth oil in California.

All Roads Affected.
The railroad company has patents to the land. The government recently brought proceedings to have the patents cancelled, but that question is not before the court. The patents contained a provision, excepting all mineral lands from the grant. Burke and other entrymen claim that the exception prevented the land passing to the railroad and that they are entitled to the lands under proper entry. The railroad contends that the exception is void, and any way, that evidence can not now be produced to show the lands are mineral or oil lands, the government having issued a patent for them and no fraud having been practiced upon it. Primarily, the Southern Pacific railroad alone is concerned in the present controversy, but the same exceptions are contained in patents to practically every land grant railroad traversing the west, and so all will be affected by the decision.

DATE OF GOULD WEDDING IS SET

New York, Jan. 13.—The date for the marriage of Miss Harriet Miller Gould to Finley J. Shepard of St. Louis has been definitely set as Wednesday, January 22, it was said by her friends here today. The ceremony will be performed at Miss Gould's country place in Tarrytown at noon and will be witnessed only by a small gathering of relatives and intimate friends, including some of her old neighbors in the Ogden and Irvington. An orchestra of forty pieces has been engaged to provide an elaborate musical program, but otherwise the wedding will be simple. Mr. Shepard is selecting a number of classical numbers for the orchestra. The ceremony will be followed by a seated breakfast, but other details have not yet been settled.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES ARE FIXED

New York, Jan. 13.—The executive committee of the United States Golf association, following out the instructions given it at the annual meeting of the association on Saturday night, has fixed the dates for the three national golf championships of the year which are published today. The amateur championship will be held during the entire week of September 1 at Garden City, L. I., the open championship June 4 and 5, at Brookline, Mass., and the women's tournament October 13 to 15 inclusive at Wilmington, Del. There was renewed talk at the meeting of a movement to place the selection of championship courses entirely in the hands of the board of governors. It was suggested that all the active clubs place their courses at the disposal of the association, and that some means be devised for holding the championship events over a certain number of them in rotation.

BOUNTY PAID FOR EVERY CHILD BORN

London, Jan. 13.—Beginning today every child born in the United Kingdom to parents insured under the new national insurance act will bring the parents a bounty of thirty shillings, or about \$7.50. Under the new act the mother is also entitled to sickness benefit during the period of her illness.

There are about 1,200,000 births annually in the United Kingdom and it is estimated that fully 1,000,000 of these will be entitled to the insurance benefit. One effect of the scheme is expected to be an improvement in the national physique, which is said to have suffered considerably because so many mothers are denied necessities, and are sometimes obliged to resume work before fully recovered.

PENNY BRIGADE GROWS RAPIDLY

Boise, Jan. 13.—State Senator Dow Dunnigan, penny brigade. Composed of contributors of 1-cent each and more toward paying the fines of R. S. Sheridan, C. O. Broxon and A. R. Cruzen, imposed by the Idaho supreme court for contempt, grows with the arrival of hundreds of letters in every mail.

Pennsylvania today took the lead among the outside states in the number of subscribers to the fund. In some instances pennies have been collected through the medium of newspapers. The list of contributors includes several judges.

STEAMER PICKED UP IN ATLANTIC

Brownhead, Ireland, Jan. 13.—The steamer Snowden Range, about which there has been great anxiety, passed here today in tow of the steamer Welshman, which picked her up in the Atlantic, 500 miles out.

Wait for Burt's White Sale

This will be the greatest White Goods Sale of the season. Ten thousand dollars worth of the very best goods that the mills and manufacturers can produce have been purchased for this sale.

Everything in white goods will be included in the sale and preparations will be made so that these articles can be displayed to the very best advantage. We can honestly assert that the goods we have been receiving for this sale are among the best that have ever been purchased.

Many shipments have already been received. Three large boxes were received Saturday and more are expected this week. It will be advisable for the ladies of this city to wait for this sale. Remember, this is to be an extraordinary sale. A white goods sale of distinction.

SILK SPECIALS

We want to direct attention to our silk specials. Some of the many prices are given below and if you do not see what you seek, ask for it at the store. These silk reductions are on the very best of values.

Black Silk Specials--Burt Quality

18-inch Black Taffeta, 60c, sale	48c
27-inch Black Taffeta, 75c, sale	56c
36-inch Black Taffeta, 85c, sale	65c
36-inch Black Taffeta, \$1.25, sale	89c
27-inch Black Duchess, \$1.25, sale	\$1.05
36-inch Black Duchess Satin, \$1.75, sale	\$1.36
36-inch Black Imperial Messaline, \$2.00, sale	\$1.49
36-inch Black Moire, \$1.25, sale	87c
36-inch Black Beau de Soie, \$1.75, sale	\$1.25
36-inch Black Crystal Cord, sale	\$1.69

Dress Goods--Wonderful Prices

Silk Messalines, plain colors, January sale	69c
Lot 1--Silk up to 85c, fancy	39c
Lot 2--Cheerful Shower-proof Silk, fancy stripes and brocades, sale	58c
Lot 3--Cheerful Shower-proof Silks, extra heavy, rich stripes, checks and brocades, regular \$1.25 and \$1.00, sale	68c
Lot 4--Fancy Stripes, Checks and Brocades in Chiffon Taffetas, regular \$1.25 to \$1.50, sale	79c
5000 yards Jamestown imported Waisting at	One-half Off
500 yards 36-inch Dress Goods, plain and fancy mixtures	39c
1000 yards 36 and 44 inch Dress Goods, all wool, plain and mixtures, January sale	58c
500 yards plain and fancy Serges, regular \$1.25 up to \$2.00 a yard, January sale, a yard	98c

THIS ALSO INCLUDES ALL EVENING SHADES

Greatest Coat Offer of the Season

\$10.75



These coats have been displayed in our north window and many of them have been gathered in by those who know real values. The cold weather calls for good goods and this is an opportunity to obtain great values for the money. Some of these coats have been selling up to \$35.00 and none of them have sold for less than \$20.00. In this sale we offer them at \$10.75.

Underwear for Ladies and Children

Here are some great seasonable values. Articles which are in demand just at this season of the year. The Clearance Sale should move them. Note the prices carefully, but if you do not see listed what you want it is not because it is not in stock but because space is limited:—

Ladies' Vests or Pants, 35c values, for	23c
Ladies' Heavy Fleece Vests or Pants, 65c values for	43c
Ladies' Union Suits, heavy fleeced unions, 65c values	43c
Ladies' Heavy Fleece Unions, \$1.00 values, for	65c
Ladies' Medium Fleece, \$1.25 values	98c
Merano, \$2.00 quality	\$1.49
Medium Merano, \$1.75 to \$2.00 quality	\$1.48
Silk and Cotton, \$2.50 to \$2.75 quality	\$1.89
Silk and Wool, \$2.50 quality	\$1.89
Children's and Misses' Heavy Fleece Pants or Vests, 35c value	23c
Medium Fleece Pants or Vests, 50c quality	29c

Corsets

Hundreds of pairs of many famous makes. These all go at reduced prices.

Neckw'r

Entire stock of neckwear at 25 per cent reduction. All the latest styles and fads.

Bedspreads

The entire stock has been reduced. Every style and design for the bed, including sheets and pillow slips, go in the Clearance Sale. Our stock is too large in this line and we want to move it. The prices should do it:—

Embroidered Sheets and Pillow Case Sets, special	\$3.25
Scalloped Sheets and Pillow Case Sets, \$4.49 and	\$5.59
Entire stock of Embroidered Pillow Cases, special	98c
Initial Pillow Slips, special	\$1.48

ENTIRE STOCK OF TABLE LINENS ON SPECIAL SALE

25 BATH ROBE BLANKETS

These have been selling up to \$4.50. They are just the thing for this season of the year. They are bargains that you will not get again soon and we only have twenty-five left. These we are selling at from \$1.98 to \$2.98.

HOSIERY

You will find many wonderful reductions in the hosiery department. It will be of interest to you to call and inspect the specials in this department. Every pair marked down to low prices.

January Clearance of Shoes

200 pairs of Foster's best make, \$5.00 to \$6.00 quality, sale	\$2.00
175 pairs Foster's \$3.50 to \$5.00, Sale	\$1.50
250 pairs of broken lots, values up to \$4.40, Sale	\$1.25
225 pairs, values up to \$3.50, Sale	\$1.00
150 pairs, Misses' and Children's Patent Leather and Vici Kids, Values from \$1.50 to \$3.00, Sale	\$1.00
150 pairs, \$2.00 to \$2.50 grade, Sale	\$1.25
175 pairs \$2.75 to \$3.50 quality	\$1.50

OUTING FLANNEL GOWNS

There will be many cold nights to come yet this winter. You will find a most beautiful line complete in every way of the celebrated Brighton Quality—1-4 off.

COTTON and WOOL BLANKETS

Cotton and Wool Blankets of the best quality. Entire stock included in the reductions. Also Krinkledown infants' blankets at Clearance Sale Prices.



SALE Still On At Clarks'

We call your attention to one of its big features—

Shirts that were \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50—

Now going at **79c**